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Year 2 Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reading

We continue to promote and put a big focus on reading. We are encouraging the children to read every evening either alone or with an adult. Most children should still be reading aloud and it is vital that they discuss the phonics in their book and the content. Please let us know via a note in the diary if your child has been enthusiastic to read and has worked hard on reading at home and we will reward them with a sticker in school.

Maths

This week, we will:

- Practise using our addition and subtraction skills in reasoning problems.
- Practise number bonds within 10 eg $7+2=9$, $4+5=9$, $5+3=8$
- Identify and name 2-dimensional shapes.
- Count the sides and vertices of 2D shapes.
- Develop fluency counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s.



English

This week, we will continue studying our Christmas focused text 'How to Catch Santa'. The key focus of the learning is instructional writing.

- Investigate question writing focusing on varying styles.
- Create expanded noun phrases to precisely describe.
- Learn how to use coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to extend sentences.
- Continue to learn horizontal and diagonal handwriting joining techniques.

Science

This week, we continue to learn about materials. We will look at paper, cardboard, wood, brick and stone. We will investigate the properties of these materials and discuss which material is most suitable for various purposes.

Geography

This week, we continue our Geography topic where we compare the geography of where we live with the geography of Kampong Ayer in Brunei on the island of Borneo. This week we will be comparing the weather in Kampong Ayer with our weather in the UK.

DT - Design Technology

This week, we continue our design topic about windmills. We will look at axles and design how to make the sails of a windmill turn smoothly.

Reading Books

Thank you for reading regularly with your child at home. It makes a big difference. Please ensure that your child brings their reading book and/or phonics book home every night to read with an adult at home and that they bring it back each morning to read in school either independently or with an adult. Library books can be changed on any day. Phonics books are changed on Mondays and Thursdays.

Homework

Homework is set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday. Children should work for half an hour and complete as much as possible. This does not have to be all in one go. Homework is designed as a consolidation exercise and as an opportunity for demonstrating knowledge and understanding and should not be onerous.



General information

- P.E. kits, reading books and home-school diaries will be needed in school every day. PE kits can be left on their peg.
- Please ensure that your child has an appropriate coat.
- As always, it is important to label all your child's belongings with your child's name.
- A labelled drink bottle for WATER should be brought to school each day.
- PE lessons will take place on Mondays (outdoors) and Fridays (indoors).
- We love to hear about important events or occasions in the children's lives. We set aside a short amount of 'show and tell time' once a week, usually on a Monday. This is the weekly opportunity to share with the class or bring in special things to show.
- Please ensure that important information is communicated to school using the home-school diary. Please ask your child to make us aware of messages.

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any worries, concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely

Mr Harding & Mrs Wall

